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WEATHER.

Western Oregon and Washington—Fair.

THE PEOPLE'S MONEY.

It is evident that the people of Clatsop county need a bit of "showing" in the matter of the expenditure of the County Court, on Thursday last, of the sum of \$19,500.

All the county has to show for this transaction is a memorandum for the delivery of a given quantity of terra cotta, alleged to have been manufactured for the uncontracted court house of this county, and supposed to be lying in the sheds of a company down in Lincoln, California; There is no contract in force, no bond, no guaranty, no forfeiture of any kind; the goods have never been seen nor inspected by a single member of the county court; it is not known whether it is mud, or finished material, or whether it exists at all, as a matter of downright fact. The only thing that the court feels any certainty about is, that if the whole thing is brought to a legitimate conclusion, the county will make about \$4000 on a rebated price for the terra cotta.

This is a slim predicate for the negotiation of a deal of this importance, and there will have to be something very tangible offered by the court to account for the unbusinesslike procedure so far followed.

If this terra cotta is in existence, if it has been contracted for, if it has been manufactured under any specific order from this county, why was it not brought here and stored? (as the brick and stone and steel, lately purchased by the court, have been stored), why was it not counted, weighed, inspected and put in the custody of the county officials? why was not a bond demanded of the selling company, why was the county not protected in some way against the absolute loss of this money and material from fire, wreckage, breakage, bankruptcy, or any other quality of failure to which manufacturing firms are liable?

A very plain and definite statement is due the people in the premises and it is not conceivable that the court will delay making it, overlong.

UP TO THE CLUBS.

It has become the duty of the civic improvement clubs of this city, all four of them, to name the membership of the 1906 egatta Committee. There need be no hesitancy on the part of the clubs; they have an abundance of splendid material for just such purposes, and by being very careful in their selections, and then exerting their numerical strength in urging the acceptance of the nominations they shall make, they will accomplish a decided victory for the city, by ensuring the actuality of the celebration, under approved auspices. And if they do nothing else this summer they will have achieved enough

to warrant the thanks of the whole community. Choose well, gentlemen, and then refuse to take "no" for an answer from any source.

A GOOD TURN.

Earl Grey's restoration of the Franklin portrait to the United States is an incident at once significant of the cordial relations between America and the Mother country, and instinct with peculiar personal grace. That picture of Franklin, was taken from Philadelphia in the Revolution, was naturally prized as one of the "spoils of war," and particularly because it was the portrait of that American who, after only Washington himself was regarded by the British of Lord North's time as the heart and brain of the "rebellion." It has also been prized by the successive generations of the family of Grey, since it was secured by the distinguished general who was the first baron and earl of that line, and it might have been cherished as an heirloom for many generations to come. It will be received with the greater pleasure because it comes as the voluntary gift of the accomplished statesman, who represents the British Crown in the neighboring dominion and is great grandson of the soldier who took it from us, and the grandson of that statesman and Prime Minister whose reform bill marked one of the most famous and beneficent epochs in modern English history.

RULE APPLIES TO ALL.

There has been a commendable recognition of the rule for the cleaning up of home-premises throughout the city, and the aspect of the city has been brightened considerably thereby; but there are several people that are apparently quiet indifferent to the program and as a number of them are conspicuous as to the location and scope of premises, it may not be necessary more than to merely suggest that they take hold and do something toward meeting the popular wishes in the matter. Of course if it becomes really essential to name and describe the premises, that can be done, too. But is it?

EDITORIAL SALAD.

O Gentle Spring,
Unmatched!
But why a string
Attached?

Coal operators are about the only ones to make money with their hands in their pockets—coal pockets, of course.

Harvard won over Yale in the debate on municipal ownership in New York. The great debate in the city on the subject has adjourned, but when the decision is returned by the jury of the people we shall be better prepared to judge of the merits of the Harvard-Yale controversy.

According to the English "Who's Who," no fewer than 156 Smiths are known to fame. Of course everybody knows John and will be glad that his merits are acknowledged.

Dowie departs from Zion and Voliva arrives. If Dowie was Elijah, are we to understand that Voliva is Elisha? Or have not the whiskers of Dowie fallen upon him?

Philadelphia had a new sensation yesterday. It saw two municipal councils, organized as responsible independent bodies, not mere attachments to a political machine maintained in the interest of corruptionists, franchise grabbers and other public despoilers.

"Now won't you let me call you darling and let me feel the loving tendrils of your sweet, rosy lips twining around mine while the twinkling stars of twilight look on and wink approval?" Such was the closing of a letter read in a breach of promise case in a Texas court. And the jurors twisted uneasily in their seats while they stopped down behind the bar of justice and took a drink.

They have found a new use for corn. When you lick your stamps now remember that it is not gum arabic that you are coming in contact with, but a new substance discovered by the Illinois Experiment Station and extracted from the kernels of corn. This should add, if possible, to the already supreme potentate who rules over the corn belt with such glory for himself and such benefits for his millions of subjects.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

How He Assisted A Bashful Lover

AN absentminded clergyman is how once he was unconsciously responsible for helping a bashful lover. His mind was like a blank slate, the theological problems which he had to solve passed in company with a diligent youth. His thoughts were interrupted as she called out to him. "Oh, doctor, we are just going for a ramble. Won't you join us?" "With pleasure. Do you want the ceremony in a church?" The bashful lover was suddenly filled with an enthusiasm that four years of gnawing at his heartstrings had failed to arouse, and he fairly shouted: "Yes, yes, and if Maul consent, the sooner the better."—New York Times.

He Knew.

An English parliamentary candidate for the representation of a district in the west country referred in the course of his speech to the flagging of children. "Some folks nowadays," he said, "object to beating youngsters at all, but I agree with the saying of the wise man, 'Spare the rod and spoil the child.' I suppose I was not worse than other boys, but I know I had some flogging myself, and I know it did me good. On one occasion, I remember, I was flogged for telling the truth."

"It cured you, sir," said a voice from the back of the hall.—Baltimore News.

On Safe Side.

There was bustle and commotion in Rildervant house. Servants were darting hither and thither, getting the house in order for the ladies' afternoon en-cure party. Little five-year-old Henrietta assisted in the preparations. She removed all the umbrellas from the stand and hid them in the storeroom.

"Surely, Etta, you are not afraid that the guests would carry off the umbrellas?" "No, mother, but they might recognize them."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Killed, Anyhow.

Gunbusta—Well, well! Why, man, I heard you were killed in the Philippines!

Old Soldier—You were misinformed, for—

Gunbusta (interrupting)—And I'm downright glad of it.

Old Soldier—As I was about to say, you were misinformed, for it was in Cuba that I was killed.—Woman's Home Companion.

Discretion.

"Why did you insist on only \$99,000 a year as your salary?" "Because," answered the high financier, "as soon as people hear a hundred thousand mentioned they get suspicious. It is better to keep the figure marked down a little."—Washington Star.

The Proper Place.

"People are just crazy to get to that place." "I don't see anything very attractive about it. What kind of a place is it, anyway?" "It's an insane asylum."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Too Effective.

"Do you believe in advertising?" "No, sir; I advertised for a wife once." "And didn't you get her?" "Yes, I got her."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Pertinent Inquiry.



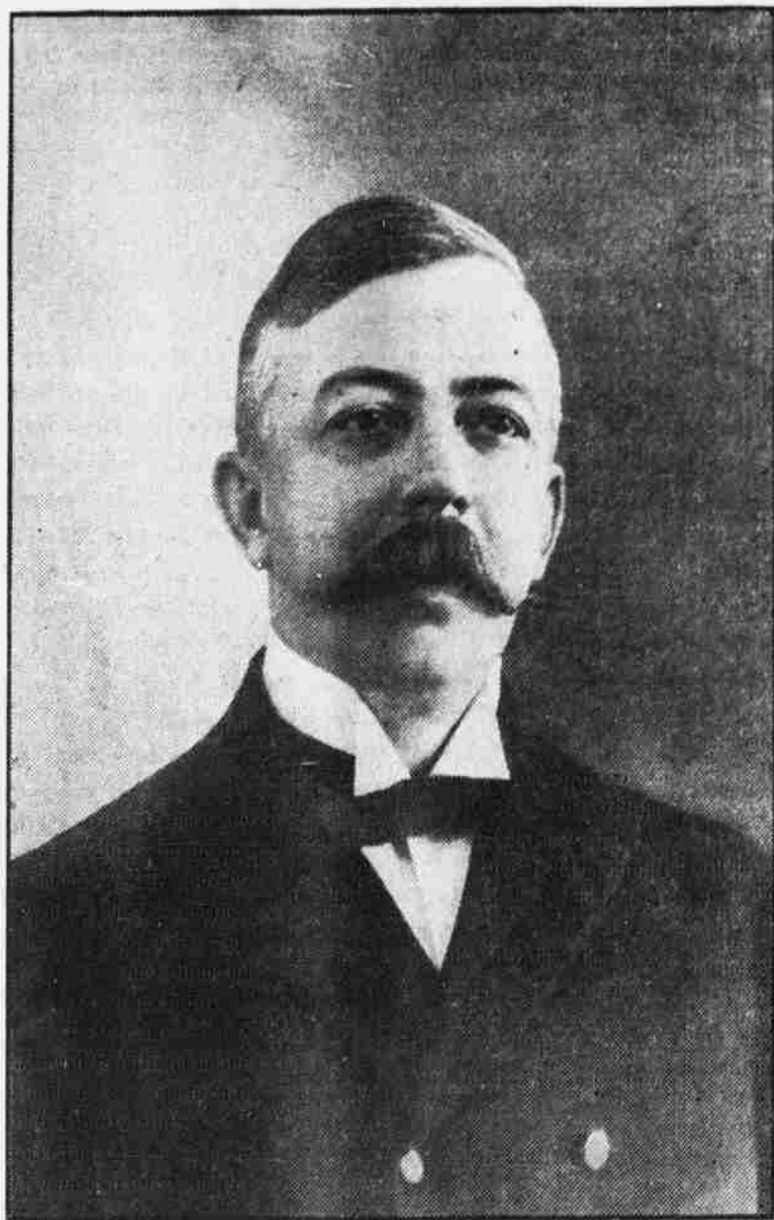
Sappy—I—aw—have an idea, doncher know, and—

Gladys—Excuse me, but are you quite certain of your ability to distinguish between ideas and wheels?

The Debutante.

Her well shaped aquiline nose
Is mother's.
Her ruby lips, like Cupid's bows,
Are mother's.
Her sparkling eyes, so blue and bright,
Are mother's.
Her glossy hair, as black as night,
Is mother's.
Her manner, suave; her language, terse,
Are mother's.
The money she has in her purse
Is father's.
—New York Press.

Cake Opposed to Trusts



Every combination of capital known as the trust should be placed under the ban of the law, not only should trust corporations themselves be barred from doing business, but the individuals responsible for the combinations should be punished as provided by law, says H. M. Cake, candidate for United States Senator.

There is probably no man in the state of Oregon more pronounced in his opinions upon this subject than Mr. Cake, as evidenced by his actions and past utterances.

He is not the attorney for, is not interested in, no does he represent, directly or indirectly any trust. He believes in the absolute freedom of

competition in all lines of business—the preservation of the equal rights of the entire citizenship of the country free from the interference by combinations of capital.

Mr. Cake is a firm believer in the preservation of the equal rights of the entire citizenship of the country free from interference by combinations of capital.

The great common people of the country can depend upon it that Mr. Cake is friendly to their interests, for he is one of the common people.

He is friendly to every section and interest of the state, and if elected to the Senate, will do everything he can for the development and prosperity of all Oregon.

Political Information

Announcements of candidates for office will be published in these columns at reason-able rates for men of all parties.

REGISTRATION

Registration books opened by County Clerks, Tuesday, January 2, 1906. Registration books closed for Primary Election, April 10, 5 p. m. Registration books opened after primary election, April 2. Registration books closed for general election, May 15, 5 p. m.

DIRECT PRIMARY ELECTION

County Clerks give notice of Primary Election not later than March 3. Last day for filing petitions for placing names on ballot for state, congressional and district offices, March 20. Last day for filing petitions for County officers, April 4.

DATE OF PRIMARY ELECTION, APRIL 20, 1906.

Canvassing votes of primary elections for state offices, May 3.

GENERAL ELECTION

Last day for filing certificates of nomination for state offices by assembly of electors, April 19. Last day for filing nominating petitions for state offices, May 4. Last day for filing certificates of nominations for county officers by assembly of electors, May 4. Last day for filing nominating petitions for county offices, May 19.

GENERAL ELECTION, JUNE 4

BE SURE AND REGISTER

CANDIDATES ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOR GOVERNOR.

Republicans of Oregon are hereby informed that I am a candidate for the nomination of Governor at the primaries to be held April 20th.

JAMES WITTHCOMBE.

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Secretary of State, and ask the support of all Republicans.

F. T. WRIGHTMAN.

FOR SHERIFF.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for sheriff on the Republican ticket at the primary nominating election.

EMSLEY HOUGHTON.

FOR ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

The undersigned hereby announces himself as a candidate for re-election to the office of Attorney-General, sub-

ject to the approval of Republican voters at the primaries.

A. M. CRAWFORD.

FOR STATE PRINTER.

The undersigned announces himself as a Republican candidate for renomination for State Printer, subject to the decision of the Republican voters at the primary election, April 20.

Now serving first term. The same courtesy that has been accorded to State officers generally, that of a renomination, would be greatly appreciated.

J. R. WHITNEY.

Albany, Oregon.

FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for renomination for the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, and solicit the support of all Republicans at the primaries, April 20th.

J. H. ACKERMAN.

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